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## MRS. PETTY WRITES.

### Sends Greetings to Old Audrain County Friends.

Ode-sa, Mo., Jan. 1, 1909.  
A happy new year to the MESSAGE and all its readers.  
As this is the beginning of a new year, and the time when all begin to form new resolutions and make new vows, I feel inclined to write a few lines to the dear old "MESSAGE."

The year that has just past out has brought many changes to our home. Our children are all scattered, some to the far West, and some to the far South, and strange feelings and memories come over us on this New Year's morning. I know it is quite natural that we sometimes linger long over the fading embers of the dying year before we can say farewell.

Last night as we sat over the dying embers dreaming of the old year that was just passing out, visions came before us of the dear dead past, visions of departed loved ones, of the pale brow and folded hands on the peaceful breast, of many goodbyes and falling tears, of hasty words spoken that can never be recalled, of disappointments and heartaches, of failures made and time wasted, of opportunities lost and of anticipated pleasures that never came. And as we mused thus, we were aroused from the reverie by the old clock on the mantel as it chimed out the hour of twelve, and the embers had faded and turned gray, and the sparks were gone, and we said, "Goodby, dear old year, with all your joys and sorrows."

For with the waking of the New Year come new opportunities, and we must gird ourselves for the responsibilities of another year and and "do with our might what our hands find to do."

Many sad hearts will need a word of comfort, or a smile to lighten the burden of life; or perhaps

"There are old and forsaken,  
Who linger awhile in the homes  
That their dearest have left.  
And a few gentle words or an  
action of love  
May cheer their sad spirits bereft."

A ray of sunshine will often come stealing into the darkest corners of earth from a kind word spoken, a word of sympathy, or a kindly deed.

Each new born opportunity brings new responsibilities, and each new year may be made better and brighter by our lives.

As we hasten on to the new duties of this new year, we will just pause to say "all hail" to the dear old friend of Audrain Co., and especially the dear old friends at Rush Hill. A happy New Year to one and all. May rich blessings and prosperity rest with each of you.

MRS. G. W. PETTY.  
Married Last Week.

Mr. Harry Armstrong of the neighborhood of Benton city and Miss Ethel Fentz of near Rush Hill were married last Thursday in this city, Eld. W. M. White officiating. Here's wishing Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong long life and prosperity.

Mrs. Wm. Stuart left last week for Galveston, Texas where she will spend the remainder of the winter.

### Accidentally Killed.

Bud Campbell, formerly of this city, was killed one day last week in a railroad wreck near Kansas City. He was a telegraph lineman. The wife and four children survive him. They lived at Kansas City. Deceased was a brother of Charles Campbell of Mexico. We extend deepest sympathy to the bereaved family.

## SHORT HORN BREEDERS.

### They hold an Important Meeting in This City.

The Northeast Missouri Short Horn Breeders Association held a meeting in the County Clerk's office in this city last Friday afternoon for the purpose of adopting by-laws governing the association. After the adoption of the by-laws, which will be made made public later, an executive committee was appointed which was transact all business for the association.

The executive committee is composed of J. J. Little, Clark; Judge Thos. N. Murray, Callaway; Geo. W. Chappell, Bowling Green; Dr. J. E. Keith, Sturgeon, and S. P. Emmons, J. T. Johnson and E. H. Carter of this city.

A committee selected from the executive committee will be chosen to form the sales committee, which will examine the stock to be sold and ascertain whether or not it is creditable.

The sales will be held in Mexico at some date between Sept. 15 and Nov. 10 of each year. The Association has enrolled 21 members.

### Mrs. Campbell's Supper.

The following is quoted from the Auxvasse Review.

A good supper was tendered to Dr. Thompson Fry by his daughter, Mrs. E. B. Campbell, of Mexico, Tuesday night, January 5, 1909, it being in honor of his 65th birthday. The splendid supper was served in the famous old den of the doctor, where many feasts of the good things on the earth have been served in days gone by. The public should not think for a moment that goose was all that was served. Far from it. There was baked goose, gravy and dressing, salads of many kinds, slaw, bread, butter, coffee, fruit cake, white cake and other things too numerous to mention. The evening was a happy one and will be remembered with pleasure by all those present. Those who were present on this festive occasion were:

Mrs. Newton Jones, Miss Ann Dyer, Miss Georgia Swon, Mrs. John McPheeters, O. R. McPheeters, H. G. Thomas, wife and son, Herschel, Misses Stella Ramsey, Mamie and Cessie Campbell, Helen Cave, T. T. Morris and wife, Frank and Sam Dyer, T. H. Lawrence, Col Tom T. Ford, Col. Gil-land, Tom Harrison, Bus Buckner, F. H. Thomas, N. P. Cowles, Z. W. Hook, wife and son, Clayton, Rev. Sam G. Wood and others, whose names we failed to get.

Dr. Fry was highly complimented and thanks were showered upon him for his splendid repast. May he live a thousand years.

### Sam Boatman Badly Burned.

Sam Boatman of Moberly, a brother of W. N. Boatman of this city, came very near losing his life in a burning building one night last week. He owns a farm near Moberly and he took his tools out to do some carpenter work. No one lives on the place and he put up for the night by himself. Along in the latter part of the night the building caught on fire while he was asleep. He was not aroused until a heap of hot coals fell upon his bed. He escaped from the building in his night clothes; everything was destroyed Mr. Boatman was badly burned on one of his arms.

A negro named Lee got drunk on one of the cool days last week and later he was found helpless in the street on North Washington, nearly frozen to death. Boozie would have led him to his last had it been night time and he not been found when he was.

## Married in St. Louis.

Mr. George B. Ramsey, who resides on the Hedger farm north-west of this city, was married a few days ago to Mrs. Julia A. Gooding in St. Louis. They left immediately for a trip in the East. Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey came to this county a year or two ago from Greenfield, Indiana. They are splendid people. We congratulate them upon their marriage and wish them joy and prosperity.

### Is Out His \$35.

N. L. Bullard, whose parents reside at Fulton, came to this city one night last week and registered at Hoxsey's Annex. He had \$35 in his pocket which he intrusted for safe keeping with a young man whom he took to be the night clerk. The young man was gone from the hotel next morning, skipped the city, and Bullard is out his money.

### Vern Kendall Married.

Mr. V. E. Kendall, son of Judge S. E. Kendall and who is a brother also of Mrs. Oceola Lane of this city, was married a few days ago to Miss Nellie Hockaday at Durant, Oklahoma. Mr. Kendall has fine property interests at Durant. We congratulate him upon his choice of a wife.

### Got a Pretty Girl.

The Farber Forum makes the following mention:

Van Grange and Miss Bessie White, of Laddonia, were married at Mexico Wednesday. Doc got one of the prettiest girls in Laddonia. The happy couple have the best wishes of their young friends.

Dan Mouring, who formerly lived in this county, died a few days ago at his home in Kansas City. His wife, before her marriage, was Miss Mollie Morris, a daughter of Mr. Pate Morris of this city.

Mrs. W. B. Stewart of Kansas City and Mrs. A. J. Fry of near Rush Hill attended the funeral of Mrs. Ann Eliza Lane here last Saturday.

Mrs. and Mr. Thomas Smith of Elsberry visited Mr. and Mrs. John Wilburn of this city last week. Mr. Smith is a brother-in-law of Mr. Wilburn. He was looking around and thinks of coming to our city to conduct a restaurant. This paper would be glad to welcome him.

Evangelist Edward James of Holden, Mo., is holding a revival meeting at the Auxvasse Baptist church.

O. Poisson has bought the interest of J. Blum, Son & Co. in the clothing firm on the north side of the square. Mr. Poisson in the future will conduct the business himself.

The Local option County Committee held a meeting in this city one day last week and talked over the plan to perpetuate the organization. They expect to meet again soon when there will be an election of a president, secretary and treasurer.

Gus Pasqueth has bought the Morris & Abbey store building on the east side of the square. Mr. Pasqueth expects to remodel the building in the spring.

James St. Vrain of this city has accepted a position as chief electrician in the Wabash railroad shops at Moberly.

Miss Bessie Reighley of this city visited her friend, Miss Lizzie Wills, near Laddonia, last week.

St. Louis Worlds Fair souvenir Post Cards of 1904, in sets of 10 for 25c. Very beautiful and instructive. Sample for stamp. Agents wanted. Address Box 1614, St. Louis, Mo.

## Card From "Nemo."

### EDITOR MESSAGE.

State Supt. Gass asks that Friday evening, January 15th, the people get together at their respective school houses to plan for improvement. For one interest he names school libraries. This writer urges that school libraries should mean illustrated weeklies and monthlies, bringing new ideas and fresh interests of the day.

This concession would include fathers, mothers, sons and daughters.

At once the school district would be enlivened, and put in touch with the grand men and women who are working, writing and illustrating the interests, beauties and dignity of domestic science and country life.

Nemo.

### Can't Always Tell.

This paragraph of humor reported from the Laddonia Herald: Lester Shobe was up to Mexico Thursday. We don't know where he went from there, but we surmise he went to Jefferson City. When a young man goes to Mexico these days you can't tell what he is after—most of them get marriage license.

### Grown Old Beautifully.

This paragraph quoted from the Centralia Courier:

Uncle Johnny Faies was up from Mexico Saturday and paid the Courier office a pleasant call. Uncle Johnny is the oldest man in Mexico, being in his 92nd year. He is hale and hearty, without ache or pain. He is one of God's grand old patriarchs who has grown old and beautifully. His life is a benediction to the world and the Courier trusts he may be spared to round out a century of usefulness.

E. R. Locke of this city has made application for a franchise to furnish manufactured gas for independence, Mo.

Martinsburg has a prosperous Home Insurance Co. with \$100,000 insurance. According to the Oracle, the following are the officers: Frank Seckler, president; Joseph Adrain, secretary; Martin Hoer, director; August Bertels and Hubert Fennewald, Sr., and Joseph Dabbert, appraisers or assessors.

R. B. Simpson, south of Martinsburg, according to the Oracle, during the year 1908 got 12,895 eggs from 136 hens. He expects to do better than that this year. If he had all those eggs here on the Mexico market this week, at 30 cents a dozen, they would bring him \$322.

F. X. Vomund has sold his restaurant at Martinsburg to E. T. Underwood.

Cale Douglass, near Benton City found one of his fine yearling males with its leg broken a short time ago.

Dr. Ray Hancock, formerly of Laddonia, this county, lately located in Clinton, Mo., has located at Center, one of the growing little cities of Ralls county. The Herald says that Dr. Ray is one of the best young men that ever left Laddonia.

Eld. W. M. White, pastor of the Christian church in this city, exchanged pulpits with Eld. J. D. Greer at Laddonia last Sunday.

E. A. Shannon, as his last official act as Public Administrator, Thursday, the 31st ult., sold the personal property of the late August Wagner, at public sale, near Farber. There was a large crowd in attendance and everything brought good prices. E. O. Keosue bought a brown mare for \$160; F. Koesser a bay mare for \$155, and F. Bishop a black mare for \$130.

## Some Cash; Some News.

Cale Douglass at Benton City advances his subscription up into 1910.

Mrs. G. A. Camplin, at Santa Fe, sends the MESSAGE for 12 months as a New Year's present to her sister, Mrs. J. A. Van Horn, at Canon City, Colo.

E. L. Hopkins has our thanks for a renewal favor.

Hardy Doolin, the grain dealer at Rush Hill, squares with the MESSAGE to 1910.

X P. Ball, who keeps store near the Shoe Factory, hands us a dollar for the news to 1910.

W. T. Spotswood is out at Caney, Kansas, and orders the MESSAGE to follow him.

Fred A. Schutte moves his subscription date up to 1910.

E. L. Gregory plunks down a wheel for this paper. Says he is not hard to please, but he just wants "to see if the MESSAGE is any good."

Mrs. Thomas Kunkle renews to 1910.

An old veteran, well known in this county, confined in the Confederate Home at Higginsville, subscribes for this paper this week.

J. W. Ellington moves his subscription date up to 1910.

Henderson Johnson moves his subscription date up a big round notch.

J. C. Tenge of near Laddonia is a new subscriber.

J. C. Maxwell, the hustling general merchandise man at Rush Hill, pushes up his subscription date into 1910.

A. Talbot enthusiastic the good roads man of Laddonia, extends his subscription date.

A. B. Hale and his mother, Mrs. Albina Hale, have moved to this city from Laddonia. Mr. Hale enrolls as a new subscriber. As we have said before, he is an excellent citizen and we are glad to welcome him to Mexico.

Miss Sadie Devaney, at Kansas City, formerly of this county, renews for this paper for 1910.

E. E. Shay, who teaches in the Prairie Lea district, renews for this paper. Prof. Shay is very proud of an elegant watch charm his pupils presented him Christmas. There is also a new son in his house, E. E. Shay, Jr.

S. C. King, the big, good humored blacksmith at Farber, has our thanks for a renewal favor.

Judge Baker Barnes leaves a dollar on our desk to renew for the MESSAGE.

J. C. Todd of Benton City renews for this paper.

Miss Nora Humphrey hands us a dollar to renew for the paper for her sister, Mrs. J. E. Bozarth, near Perry. Miss Humphrey is teaching the Lawder school, east of this city, and she is very glad of a very fine watch for her pupils presented her as a Christmas present.

Mrs. Sarah B. Black, one of this paper's very best friends, renews for the year 1909.

Dr. F. M. Shoush is a new subscriber.

Our excellent friend W. W. Cornett, near Wellsville, renews.

Mrs. Fannie Worsham, at San Antonio, Texas, sends one dollar for the paper thru 1909.

D. W. Butler, of "West View Place," near town, renews.

Joe Considine renews.

We notice that our excellent friend, Prof. R. G. Hale, of Fulton, is talked of as a prospective candidate for School Commissioner of Callaway county. He would be a good man for that place. We know his worth over here in Audrain, where he taught for a number of years.

Eld. Paul Wright of Columbia has agreed to remain another year with Salt River Christian Church of this county. It is his third year with this congregation.

Miss Grace McIntyre of this city is in St. Louis taking special training in kindergarden teaching.

Mrs. Susan Shobe and sons, Edgar and Luster, of Laddonia, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Fry of Rush Hill, Mrs. Carrie Stewart of Kansas City and Mrs. Georgia Shobe of Essex were here to attend the funeral of Mrs. A. E. Lane last Saturday.

### Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank the friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy extended us during the sickness and death of our mother, Mrs. A. E. Lane.

Her Children.

Master Forest Lane Kendall of Nepton, Mo., is here to visit his grandparents, Judge and Mrs. S. E. Kendall.

Oscar Massey and family are in from Oklahoma, visiting their father, J. P. Rudasill and family, and other relatives here. They have sold their property and expect to locate either here or in Arkansas. Their many friends hope it will be here.

R. M. Roberts and family moved last week to the farm which John Cauthorn purchased of Lee Henry, to reside till march 1, when they will move to the Anderson place to remain two years.

## The Pure Food Law

AND

## The Pure Shoe Law

The consumer of food is entitled to know that he is getting the article that he is buying and paying for, and the Government of the U. S. has taken a great step forward in the appointment of a Pure Food Commission.

The shoe-buying public is also entitled to protection. The best material yet known from which to construct shoes is leather, and the public is entitled to know whether or not the shoes they buy contain any substitutes for leather.

The Roberts, Johnson & Rand Shoe Company is not making a pair of shoes in which any substitutes for leather are used, and they stamp their STAR trademark on the heel of every shoe as a guarantee to the consumer, that no substitutes for leather is used. In former years they have given several leather substitutes a test, to see if they were serviceable as leather, but have found nothing as good, nor as serviceable. Wood, or steel, or fibre, can be used in the shank of a shoe between a leather inner sole as a support to the shank and not affect the wearing qualities, for that part of the shoe does not come in contact with the ground in walking,—but composition counters, and composition innersoles, and composition heels are used by many manufacturers because they can be made to look like leather and cost much less. The purchaser cannot know that these substitutes for leather are used until he has worn the shoes.

The Roberts, Johnson & Rand Shoe Company believe in making honest shoes and are willing that their shoes shall be sold for what they really are, feeling that the people who buy shoes are entitled to know for what they are paying. They are going to try to get the next Legislature of Missouri and the next National Congress to pass a law, requiring every manufacturer of shoes to so mark their shoes that the purchaser may know if there are any substitutes for leather used, and if so, to what extent. The manufacturer who can only stay in business through unfair or unscrupulous methods, is not entitled to a place in the shoe making business. A business that cannot prosper by fair methods and by taking the public into its confidence, should not exist. LET THE MANUFACTURER WHO USES SUBSTITUTES FOR LEATHER IN HIS SHOES TELL THE PUBLIC OF THIS FACT, and then the consumer will know what he is buying.

With a law, or without a law, the Roberts, Johnson & Rand Shoe Co. say they will use no substitutes for leather until something better than leather is discovered from which shoes can be made.

They are also in favor of all prison-made shoes being so stamped that the purchaser may know whether or not the shoes he buys are made by free labor, or by convict labor.

Star Brand Shoes are better. RAGSDALE'S CASH STORE.